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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2002, in the above-identified application, and is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DISCLOSURE

The following replacement paragraphs are submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b). Exhibit A to this response includes a marked up version of each replacement paragraph.

1. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8 of the specification with the following paragraph:

The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/154,636, filed September 17, 1998, entitled "METHOD FOR RECOVERING MATERIALS FROM WASTE TIRES," now U.S. Patent No. 6,346,221. The